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In mid-February 1952, the Kwangsi Military District ordered all principal cities and industrial and mining districts to reorganize the People's Armed Forces (i.e. militia) to insure safety in the cities and strengthen militia organization in urban areas. The order was issued in compliance with instructions received from the Central and South China Military Area Command. The instructions are summarized as follows:

- a. The People's Armed Forces of urban districts should become popular military organizations to defend the Fatherland and to safeguard production.
- b. All workers' patrols and militia basic cadre personnel between the ages of 18 and 30 who live in urban areas should participate in the reorganization.
- c. The highest unit to be organized in the hsien and municipality (市) will be the Workers' Patrol Force (總隊), which will consist of three or four battalions (大隊). Urban militia will follow the organizational pattern of basic cadre units (隊).
- d. Military and political cadre personnel of forces and battalions organized in accordance with item c above should be equipped with arms from army and local sources at the ratio of two-thirds and one-third.¹ Communications personnel and general staff personnel of People's Armed Force municipality headquarters should be equipped by each military district in accordance with the military district's pattern of organization.
- e. Political work of the workers' patrol unit and the militia should be directed jointly by the appropriate Chinese Communist Party unit committee and the political departments of the military sub-districts. Persons will be specially appointed to be responsible for political work on all levels of workers' patrol units and militia units.

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- f. After reorganization of militia and workers' patrol unit members in urban areas, the members should be equipped with proper weapons. The ratio of allocating weapons will be 80 percent for militia and 20 percent for workers' patrols.
- g. After the militia and workers' patrol unit members have been armed, they must accept political and military education and training. The members must perform duties assigned by the military district or the Chinese Communist Party committee for the military district.
- h. All expenses of militia and workers' patrol unit members, and, in addition, battalion and higher cadre personnel who are no longer engaged in production, will be included in the military district's budget according to local army supply standards. The budget will be sent to the Supply and Service Department of the Central and South China Military Area in order that a budget may be prepared for these activities covering the entire area.
- i. Preliminary equipment expenses for transportation required by People's Armed Force organizations and workers' patrol units are the responsibility of the local governments concerned.
- j. The supply standards for Peoples' Armed Force cadre members and workers' patrol unit cadre personnel of company (中隊) grade and above who have partly left production work should be arranged by the various local governments concerned and forwarded to the Supply and Service Department of the military district for the issuance of supplies.

25X1 1.  Comment. This apparently means that two-thirds of force cadre members and one-third of battalion cadre personnel will be armed.

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